

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on March 5, 2008. Applicants have amended claims 1-3, 10-12, and 19-21 as per the Examiner's suggestions. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance.

Claims 1-9 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 1-9 at paragraph 3 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,804,330 ("Jones") in view of United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2006/0252490 ("Tulley"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed that Tulley and Jones, individually or in combination, do not disclose "a processor usage" or "an input/output usage", as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the combination of Jones and Tulley fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 2-9. Accordingly, claims 2-9 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

In addition, claims 2-9 disclose additional elements not found in the cited portions of Jones and Tulley. For example, the cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest "to determine from the session table a historical trend of the processor usage of the at least one user session", as recited in claim 2.

Further, the cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest "to determine from the session table a historical trend of the input/output usage of the at least one user session", as recited in claim 3. The cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest "a request table derived from the event table and the accounting table, the request table to store resource usage data associated with the data requests", as recited in claim 6. The cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest that "the request table is accessible to identify data requests that utilize a selected level of computing resources", as recited in claim 7. The cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest that "the session table is accessible to

identify sessions that utilize a selected level of computing resources”, as recited in claim 8. The cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest that “the session table is accessible to identify usage trends for resource utilization forecasting”, as recited in claim 9. For these additional reasons, claims 2-9 are allowable.

Claims 10-18 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 10-18 at paragraph 3 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Jones in view of Tulley. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed that Tulley and Jones, individually or in combination, do not disclose “a processor usage” or “an input/output usage”, as recited in claim 10. Accordingly, claim 10 is allowable.

Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the combination of Jones and Tulley fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 11-18. Accordingly, claims 11-18 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 10. In addition, claims 11-18 disclose additional elements not found in the cited portions of the references. Therefore, claims 11-18 are allowable.

Claims 19-30 are Allowable

The Office has rejected claims 19-30 at paragraph 3 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Jones in view of Tulley. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

During the interview, the Examiner agreed that Tulley and Jones, individually or in combination, do not disclose “a processor usage” or “an input/output usage”, as recited in claim 19. Accordingly, claim 19 is allowable.

Claims 20-30 depend from claim 19, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the combination of Jones and Tulley fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 20-30. Accordingly, claims 20-30 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 19.

In addition, claims 20-30 disclose additional elements not found in the references. For example, the cited portions of Jones and Tulley do not disclose or suggest "to determine from the session table a historical trend of the processor usage of the at least one user session", as recited in claim 20. Therefore, claims 20-30 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

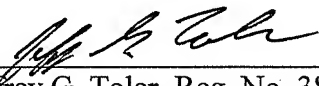
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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